



The go ahead for more solar in strata

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On 24 February 2021, the NSW Government introduced new laws which makes it much easier to install renewable energy in strata buildings. Prior to this amendment, a vote on installing clean energy infrastructure required a special resolution to be passed, which is consent from at least 75% of lot owners.

The amendments changed the definition of a Special Resolution in the *Strata Schemes*Management Act 2015 to be a resolution where no more than 25% of the value of votes are cast against the resolution; or if the resolution is a sustainability infrastructure resolution – less than 50% of the votes are against it. This means the threshold to pass a 'sustainability infrastructure resolution' is that of an Ordinary Resolution.

Kevin Anderson, Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation, said the changes make it easier than ever for strata committees to install sustainability infrastructure, such as solar panels, battery storage and electric vehicle charging points.

If you require further information on this decision, or would like assistance in your insurance dispute, please contact <a href="Chris Kintis">Chris Kintis</a> on 02 8235 1251.

